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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore City - Great Blacks in Wax Museum

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$2,250,000,
4 the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Great Blacks in
5 Wax Museum, Inc. for certain acquisition, development, or improvement purposes;
6 providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the
7 grantee provide and expend a matching fund; and providing generally for the
8 issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

9 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
10 MARYLAND, That:

11 (1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on
12 behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as the Baltimore City
13 - Great Blacks in Wax Museum Loan of 1996 in a total principal amount equal to the
14 lesser of (i) \$2,250,000 or (ii) the amount of the matching fund provided in accordance
15 with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance, sale, and delivery of
16 State general obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of the Board of Public Works
17 and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance with §§ 8-117 through 8-124 of the State
18 Finance and Procurement Article and Article 31, § 22 of the Code.

19 (2) The bonds to evidence this loan or installments of this loan maybe sold as a
20 single issue or may be consolidated and sold as part of a single issue of bonds under §
21 8-122 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

22 (3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer and
23 first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and delivering the
24 bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then shall be credited on
25 the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the Board of Public Works,
26 for the following public purposes, including any applicable architects'and engineers' fees:
27 as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Great Blacks in Wax Museum, Inc. (referred
28 to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for the repair, renovation, expansion,
29 reconstruction, and equipping of properties in the 1600 block of East North Avenue in
30 Baltimore City, for use as part of the Great Blacks in Wax Museum and associated
31 facilities.

1 (4) An annual State tax is imposed on all assessable property in the State in rate
2 and amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds, as and when due
3 and until paid in full. The principal shall be discharged within 15 years after the date of
4 issuance of the bonds.

5 (5) (a) The grantee shall provide and expend a matching fund.

6 (b) No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either directly
7 or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or unappropriated. No part
8 of the fund may consist of in kind contributions or funds expended prior to the effective
9 date of this Act. The fund may consist of real property. In case of any dispute as to the
10 amount of the matching fund or what money or assets may qualify as matching funds, the
11 Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the Board's decision is final.

12 (c) The grantee first shall present evidence to the satisfaction of the Board
13 of Public Works of the provision and expenditure of the matching fund, and the Board of
14 Public Works then shall certify this fact and disburse the proceeds of the grant under the
15 provisions of this Act for the purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above in the manner
16 described in this Act.

17 (d) The Board of Public Works shall distribute the proceeds of the loan in
18 three yearly installments, beginning after June 1, 1996 and ending before June 1, 1999.
19 The first two installments of the proceeds of the loan shall be equal to the lesser of
20 \$750,000 or the amount of the installment of the matching fund provided by the grantee
21 at that time. The third installment of the proceeds of the loan shall be equal to the
22 amount of the third installment of the matching fund, except that the total amount of the
23 proceeds of the loan may not exceed \$2,250,000.

24 (e) Prior to the payment of each installment of the proceeds of the loan by
25 the Board of Public Works, the grantee shall present evidence satisfactory to the Board of
26 Public Works that the installment of the matching fund will be provided. If satisfactory
27 evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and the amount of the installment
28 of the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan equal to the
29 installment of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act.
30 After June 1, 1999, any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the total matching
31 fund certified by the Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

32 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
33 June 1, 1996.